CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION

OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL

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CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AND REVISION PROJECTS

PROJECT	DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE
<u>CFSTES</u>		
Course Development and Approval Guidelines	The guide will outline the course revision and development process for CDF and State Fire Training courses. Guidelines will include the steps for developing a course, the project task force leader's role in the development/revision of a course, the course accreditation/ approval process, and curricula format standards.	1/00 (completed)
Fire Fighter CTS (CDG)	The Fire Fighter Certification Training Standards (CTS) Guide is the new title for what was once referred to as the Career Development Guide. The CTS is a listing of all the tasks that need to be demonstrated by a Firefighter in the State of California for certification at the Firefighter 1 and Firefighter 2 levels. All tasks are referenced to NFPA 1001 1997 standards, state and federal training mandates, and/or the State Board of Fire Services (SBFS) requirements. The SBFS approved the Fire Fighter CTS on Nov. 4, 1999.	11/99
Fire Management 1	The approved student manual for the Fire Management course is the IFSTA Company Officer Manual. IFSTA recently released the IFSTA Company Officer Manual 3 rd edition and the Fire Management 1 curricula are being revised to maintain consistency with the new textbook.	Revision completed in 1/00 - new curricula implemented on 3/00
Fire Investigation 1B	The Fire Investigation IB course revision project was started in July 1999. Pilot courses for the new curricula were held in October and November of 1999. Final edits to the curricula will be completed in February 2000.	Revision completion in 2/00 - new curricula implemented on 4/00
Urban Interface in	The State Board of Fire Services has recognized the need to incorporate more	6/00

CFSTES	Wildland Urban/Interface Training into the Fire Fighter, Fire Officer, and Chief Officer Certification training. The SBFS has approved an additional 32 hours of Urban/Interface training in the Fire Fighter 1 certification-training program. Additional work is being done to review and design training to meet the Urban/Interface training needs for Fire Officer and Chief Officer.	
2000 Course Catalogue	A new CDF and OSFM course catalogue is being developed to provide a comprehensive listing of courses and descriptions. The catalogue will be the first of it's kind to provide a consolidated listing of all OSFM courses available through State Fire Training and will also include the CDF courses available to the California Fire Service at the CDF Academy in Ione, California.	3/00
Emergency Medical Technician –1	A curricula update and revision project is planned to start in June 2000. The revision will require adoption of a student manual and revisions to the current course materials.	9/00
Fire Fighter 1 and 2	A one-week revision workshop has been scheduled for July 2000. Current plans include recruitment of approximately 45 participants to conduct a complete revision of the Fire Fighter 1 curricula in a weeklong workshop held at the CDF Academy in Ione, California. Letters will be sent out in March 2000 to various Fire Departments and Fire Service Organizations through out the state to solicit volunteers for the project. An application process will be utilized to select the most qualified participants.	9/00
Fire Instructor 1A & 1B	A task force leader for the revision project has been selected and selection of task force participants is currently underway. The project will start with an update of the Instructor CTS and full review of the NFPA 1021 and 1041. A thorough review of the new IFSTA Fire Instructor Manual 6 th edition will also be conducted.	7/00
Fire Prevention 1A & 1B	A task force leader needs to be selected and project plans developed. Project will most likely be postponed to FY 00/01.	N/A
Management 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D and 2E	A task force leader needs to be selected and project plans developed. Project will most likely be postponed to FY 00/01.	N/A

The revision to the curricula is approximately 95% complete. In addition to the new curricula, the revision task force has drafted new instructor requirements, site requirements, and an instructor task book for the course. The Statewide Training and Education Advisory Committee (STEAC) took the new requirements under consideration on October 14, 1999. Plans are currently underway to present update courses for existing instructors at three locations within the state. Letters will be sent to existing senior and primary instructors to announce the date and location of update courses.	4/00
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